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Order of Battle

9 July

1. All Communist units: The North Independent 3 Division (New 3 Division) is at Mengchiatun (125-15,43-51). The North Independent 6 Division is at Yangchiatun (125-16,43-47). The North Independent 7 Division is at Hsiao-chengtzu (125-16,43-59). The North Independent 9 Division is at Yangchiatien (two kilometers east of Changchun). The North Independent 10 Division is in the area of the Changchun west airfield, and the main force of the North 12 Column is west of the North Independent 10 Division. The West 8 and West 11 Columns returned to the Funing (119-13,39-54) area.

10 July

2. An undetermined number of Communist troops arrived in the area east of Changchun.
3. On 9 July troops of the Nationalist 50 Division pushed southwest from Liaochung (122-44,41-32) to reconnoiter. Approximately one regiment strength of additional troops of the 50 Division moved southward on the east flank of the first group. The Nationalist forces surrounded the Communist South Independent 5 Division at Huangshato (122-28,41-12). The Nationalists killed over 30 Communists, including the deputy division commander and a battalion commander, before the Communist division withdrew. Thirty prisoners were taken.

12 July

4. Nationalist troops withdrew from the Huangshato area.
5. The Nationalist New 3 Army sent reconnaissance units as far as Taanping (123-26,41-10) and Kuchiatzu (123-35,41-12), while troops of the 2 Brigade

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of the Nationalist 207 Division reconnoitred the Wentachotzutungkou (124-09, 41-47) area. There were a few small actions and a small amount of Communist equipment was captured, but the Communists withdrew in all areas of the Nationalist advance. This Nationalist action was in preparation for a general offensive to clear Communist troops from the region between the Liao River and the mountain area east of the South Manchurian Railway, to gather food, and to secure overland communication to Yingkou (122-13, 40-40). The Nationalists also intended to engage the 4 Column in a decisive battle if possible.

13 July

6. All Communist units: The 20 Division of the 7 Column returned to the Kuochiatien (124-36, 43-21) area. The 33 Division of the West 11 Column is at Taitouying (119-11, 40-02) and the 22 Division of the West 8 Column is at Shuangwang (119-02, 39-55). The North Independent 8 and 9 Divisions recently received replacements from North Manchuria.

15 July

7. The Nationalist New 1, New 3 and 52 Armies began a drive to the south in the early morning of 15 July. At 5:30 a.m. the 75 Regiment of the 25 Division of the 52 Army entered Liaoyang. On the night of 14 July the Communist 4 Column began withdrawing from Liaoyang. One trainload of Communist supplies leaving Liaoyang was captured mainly through the action of the Chinese Air Force (CAF).

16 July

8. The Temporary 59 Division of the Nationalist New 3 Army captured Tanghoyen (123-21, 41-06) and began moving toward Langtzushan (123-25, 41-01). The 54 Division of the New 3 Army captured Shoushan (123-04, 41-13), and continued south. The 25 Division of the Nationalist 52 Army is in Liaoyang. The 2 Division of the 52 Army is in Shaho (123-03, 41-10) and Liuerhpu (122-55, 41-14). The 30 Division of the Nationalist New 1 Army is moving toward Tangmachai (122-43, 41-11). The Nationalist 50 Division is pushing on Huangshato. The only resistance in Liaoyang came from the 33 Regiment of the 11 Division of the Communist 4 Column. The regimental commander, the Liaoyang magistrate and about 300 troops were captured. The Communists did not have time to move all of their supplies from the Liaoyang area.
9. On 15 July the 1 Brigade of the Nationalist 207 Division captured Hsiaoshih (124-07, 41-17). The 2 Regiment of the Nationalist 1 Brigade was engaging local Communist troops south of Chiaotou (123-43, 41-14) and the 2 Brigade captured Chiupingtai (124-06, 41-38) in a diversionary action. Elements of the 87 and 91 Divisions of the Nationalist 71 Army moved north to Chienanfutun (122-59, 42-08).
10. The headquarters of the Communist 7 Column are at Kungchuling (124-50, 43-32). The Communist 19 Division is at Tayushu (124-45, 43-28), the 20 Division moved from Kungchuling to Taochiatun (124-58, 43-38) and the 21 Division is at Kuochitun (?Kuochiatien) (124-36, 43-21). Six Japanese armored vehicles and 18 Japanese anti-aircraft guns are also reported in this area.

17 July

11. The 12 Division of the Communist 4 Column, except for one regiment, is at Haicheng (122-41, 40-51). On the morning of 17 July the Communist 10 Division and the one regiment of the 12 Division began moving east from Anshan (122-57, 41-08). The Communist 11 Division is in the vicinity of Tengaopu (122-49, 41-04).

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12. On 17 July the Nationalist push to Anshan was halted, pending the decision of NEBSH as to whether to continue the attack or to consolidate their gains. On the morning of 17 July the Nationalist 50 Division attacked Huangshato. The 14 Division of the Nationalist New 3 Army is south of Huatzukou (123-28, 41-25) as an army reserve; the 54 Division of the Nationalist New 3 Army is about 10 kilometers southwest of Tanghoyen. On 16 July elements of the Nationalist 71 Army occupied Kungchutun (123-01, 42-09). The Communist South Independent 5 Division withdrew to Niuchuang (122-32, 40-57).

19 July

13. The Nationalists captured the northern (Lishan)(123-01, 41-08) railroad station in Anshan on 17 July. On 18 July troops (not in uniform) of the 25 Division entered the city. Anshan is in complete disorder with various mobs looting the city. The main force of the Communist 4 Column moved east of Anshan to the vicinity of Langtzushan.
14. All Nationalist units: On 18 July the Temporary 59 Division was heavily engaged south of Tanghoyen; the Communist troops were probably part of the Communist 4 Column. The 54 Division is west of Taanping, the 2 Division is moving southwest of the railroad between Liaoyang and Anshan, the 30 Division is north and west of Liuerhpu, the 50 Division is between Liaochung and Huangshato, and the 14 Division is south of Huatzukou. Headquarters of the New 1 Army is at Saufangtai (122-57, 41-34), headquarters of the New 3 Army is at Huatzukou, and headquarters of the 52 Army is at Liaoyang.
15. On 15 July one regiment of the Communist 10 Column moved to Tungchiangkou (123-43, 42-38). The 18 Division of the Communist 6 Column is near Changchun-pao (125-16, 43-44), one division of the 6 Column is at Wulachiaotzu (125-22, 43-44) and the other division of the 6 Column is at Shelingkoutzu (125-31, 43-41). About 20,000 Communist troops are at Yaoyangmiao (120-10, 40-48) with another 10,000 at Mingshuitang (119-51, 40-24); probably these are troops of the Communist West 8 and West 11 Columns.

20 July

16. On the morning of 19 July Nationalist PPC troops entered Anshan, but withdrew the same night because many Communist troops remained in hiding in Anshan. The Nationalist Temporary 59 Division captured five Japanese who were with the 10 Division of the Communist 4 Column. The 10 and 12 Divisions of the Communist 4 Column are in the triangular sector between Langtzushan, Ta-hsingtun (123-20, 41-02) and Tanghoyen. The 11 Division of the Communist 4 Column is at Chilingtzu (123-07, 41-05). On 19 July the main body of the Communist 1 Column moved to the area between Lungchiapu (125-40, 44-04) and Kalunchieh (125-32, 44-03). A small part of this unit remains in Chiutai (125-50, 44-08).

21 July

17. General LIAO Yao-hsiang (廖耀湘), field commander for all Nationalist troops, is on the offensive south of Mukden. The Nationalist advance has been halted and all units ordered to withdraw and consolidate their positions to the rear of the line which extends from Penchiu (123-43, 41-20) to the north of Taanping to Shoushan to Liuerhpu to Huangshato. The Nationalist 207 Division evacuated Hsiaoshih and Chiupingtai. The Nationalist 71 Army returned to Hsinmin.

22 July

18. All Communist units: The 6 Division of the 2 Column moved to Taheilintzu (124-52, 43-41); the main body of the 2 Column is believed to be moving

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north also. The North Independent 7 Division moved to Mishatzu (125-28,44-08). On 15 July about 2,000 Communist recruits from Yenchu (129-31,42-55) and Tumen passed through Kirin. These troops are now at Shuangyang (125-40,43-32). On 13 July another 2,000 troops passed through Fanshih (126-03,42-56) and are now at Meihokou (125-41,42-32). Twenty-seven artillery pieces arrived in Ssuningchieh (124-22,43-11) from the Peian (126-34,48-16) area.

19. The Nationalists withdrew from Taanping and Liuerhpu; this was on orders and not because of Communist pressure.

Military Information

10 July

20. The Communists were repairing the roads in the area west of Chinchou (121-07,41-07).

13 July

21. According to the CAF, it was observed on reconnaissance that the bridge across the Liao River at Sanchiangkau (123-43,43-22) has been temporarily repaired by using timbers in place of steel. The railroad from Liaoyuan (123-30,43-30) to Ssuningchieh appeared to be operating, as some railroad cars were seen near Pamiencheng (124-03,43-12) and the rails were bright as if from use.

14 July

22. On 13 July one CAF L-5, on a liaison mission, landed on the airstrip inside Changchun. The plane had fighter escort but was under fire while landing. The L-5 left Changchun the same day.
23. The Communists have set up six floating bridges across the Taitzu River within 20 kilometers of Liaoyang (123-12,41-16); there are three on either side of the city.

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